

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-137. (cancelled)

138. (new) A repurchase agreement exchange method comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, making available to offerees a description of an offeror's offer for a repurchase agreement contract for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing a pair of transactions:

(a) an obligation of a selling party proposing the pair of transactions to sell securities to a prospective buyer, at a price less than the market value of the securities, the offered sell transaction proposing to obligate the seller to a short sale of the securities; and

(b) an obligation of the selling party to repurchase securities from the buyer at a future date at a future price, the future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest; and the securities that are subject of the repurchase agreement offer being two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more, the repurchase agreement offer having one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by the offeree, the paired transactions related by the automated trading system to require simultaneous and inseparable negotiation and/or acceptance by a one of the offeror and offeree;

by automated trading system, providing the capability to display repurchase agreement offers to the offerees in a tree format that permits offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest; and

by automated trading system, accepting input from the offeree by which the offeree indicates interest in the repurchase agreement offer, the messages including a selection from among the two or more offered securities that are to be the subject of the repurchase agreement contract, the messages supplying the open material terms, the automated trading system requiring that the two transactions of a pair be contracted for between the buying and selling party simultaneously and inseparably, the automated trading system controlling making available the repurchase agreement offer or negotiating the repurchase agreement contract based at least in part on a preexisting master repurchase agreement between the offeror and the offeree to whom

the repurchase agreement offer is made available, the automated trading system arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeror and offeree.

139. (new) An automated repurchase agreement trading system with tangible memory, the tangible memory storing one or more programs programmed to cause the automated trading system to:

make available to offerees a description of an offer for a repurchase agreement contract for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities at a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest, the securities that are subject of the offer being two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more; and

convey messages between the offeror and offeree to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer, the messages including a selection from among the two or more offered securities that are to be the subject of the repurchase agreement contract, the automated trading system arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeror and offeree.

140. (new) The system of claim 139, wherein a user remains anonymous until he communicates with a potential counterparty.

141. (new) The system of claim 139, wherein the repurchase agreement offers are displayed to offerees as a hierarchal list sorted according to user defined criteria.

142. (new) The system of claim 139, wherein the repurchase agreement offers are displayed to offerees as a hierarchal list filtered according to user defined criteria.

143. (new) The trading system of claim 139, the memory further embodying programming to:

transmit information between the offeror and offeree by which the offeree supplies the open material terms to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

144. (new) The trading system of claim 139, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer proposes to sell securities at a sale price less than the market value of the offered securities.

145. (new) A method, comprising the steps of:
by automated trading system, making available to offerees one or more descriptions of offers for repurchase agreements for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, a repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and obligating the seller to repurchase securities at a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest, the securities that are subject of the offer being two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more; and

by automated trading system, communicating messages between offeror and offeree to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer, the messages including a selection from among the two or more offered securities that are to be the subject of the repurchase agreement contract, the automated trading system arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeror and offeree.

146. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein a record is communicated between at least two user terminals comprising particulars of a proposed repurchase agreement contract, comprising an amount, a rate, a term, and an identification of securities.

147. (new) The method of claim 146, wherein the particulars further comprise a margin.

148. (new) The method of claim 146, wherein the identification of securities comprises an issuer and a maturity range.

149. (new) The method of claim 148, wherein the identification of the securities further comprises a number of instruments representing the amount, and the record further identifies a disposition of securities and a right of collateral substitution.

150. (new) The method of claim 146, wherein a bid record is compared with an ask record to selectively indicate a difference therebetween.

151. (new) The method of claim 146, wherein the rate for the imputed interest is a funding rate distinct from an interest rate and a yield rate associated with the securities.

152. (new) The method of claim 146, wherein the record further comprises a right of substitution, margin, and securities type.

153. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to repurchase securities within a range of securities substitutable for the sold securities at the option of the buyer.

154. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein:
the automated trading system controls making available the repurchase agreement offer or negotiating the repurchase agreement contract based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and offeree to whom the repurchase agreement offer is made available.

155. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to a short sale of securities.

156. (new) The method of claim 145:

wherein the repurchase agreement offer has one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by the offeree;

and further comprising the step of, by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeror and offeree by which they supply the open material terms to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

157. (new) The method of claim 145, in which the repurchase agreement is structured to permit a first party to effect a collateralized loan from a second party with nominal transfer of ownership of the security from the first party to the second party, wherein the repurchase agreement presents at least one of a risk of default by the first party or second party and a securities value fluctuation risk, and wherein the communicating with the offeree, through the negotiation communications interface, includes sufficient information to evaluate at least one of the default risk and the securities value fluctuation risk, and to communicate collateralized loan terms.

158. (new) The method of claim 145, further comprising the step of hierarchically sorting the list of offers according to at least one hierarchal sort criterion.

159. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to sell securities at a sale price less than the market value of the offered securities.

160. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein:

the automated trading system provides the capability to display repurchase agreement offers to the offerees in a tree format and permits offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest.

161. (new) The method of claim 145, comprising the steps of defining a density profile, and updating the density profile after a transaction.

162. (new) The method of claim 145, further comprising the steps of, for at least one of an existing repurchase agreement and an offeror-offeree pair, determining a net exposure in respect of one party against the other, and indicating a compensating margin transfer for the net exposure.

163. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer includes one or more pairs of transactions, the transactions of a pair related by the automated trading system to require simultaneous and inseparable negotiation and/or acceptance by a one of the offerees and an offeror of the offeror of the pair, the automated trading system requiring that the two transactions of a pair be contracted for between the offeror and offeree simultaneously and inseparably.

164. (new) The method of claim 145:
wherein a displayed list of offers initially does not identify an offeree;
further comprising the step of, after receiving from the offeror potential repurchase agreement terms, identifying at least one offeree during said communicating step.

165. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein:
the automated trading system provides the offeror with the capability to specify that the securities that are subject of the offer are selected from at least the group consisting of particular securities, two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more, or an open term supplyable by the offeree.

166. (new) The method of claim 145, further comprising the step of, for at least one of an existing repurchase agreement and an offeror-offeree pair, determining a net exposure in respect of one party against the other.

167. (new) The method of claim 145, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to repurchase the securities identical to those sold by the seller.

168. (new) A method, comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, making available to offerees a description of an offeror's offer for a repurchase agreement contract for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities within a range of securities substitutable for the sold securities at the option of the buyer at a specified future date at a specified future price; and

by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeror and offeree to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

169. (new) The method of claim 168, wherein:

the automated trading system controls making available the repurchase agreement offer or negotiating the repurchase agreement contract based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and offeree to whom the repurchase agreement offer is made available.

170. (new) The method of claim 168, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to a short sale of securities.

171. (new) The method of claim 168:

wherein the offer has one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by the offeree;

by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror by which they supply the open material terms to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

172. (new) The method of claim 168, wherein:

the automated trading system provides the offeror with the capability to specify that the securities that are subject of the offer are selected from at least the group consisting of particular securities, two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more, or an open term supplyable by the offeree.

173. (new) The method of claim 168, further comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, calculating a net exposure of the parties relative to each other as value of the securities fluctuates, and sending notice to the buyer or seller of a requirement to transfer margin.

174. (new) A automated trading system with tangible memory, the tangible memory storing one or more programs programmed to cause the automated trading system to:

make available to offerees a description of a repurchase agreement offer for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to the offeree and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities within a range of securities substitutable for the sold securities at the option of the buyer at a specified future date at a specified future price; and

by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

175. (new) The automated trading system of claim 174, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to sell securities at a sale price less than the market value of the offered securities.

176. (new) The automated trading system of claim 174, wherein:

the automated trading system provides the capability to display repurchase agreement offers to the offerees in a tree format and permits offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest.

177. (new) The automated trading system of claim 174, wherein:

the securities that are subject of the offer are two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more; and

the automated trading system is arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeror and offeree.

178. (new) A method, comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, making available to offerees a description of a repurchase agreement offer for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities at a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest; and

by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer, the automated trading system controlling making available the repurchase agreement offer or negotiating the repurchase agreement contract based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and offeree to whom the repurchase agreement offer is made available.

179. (new) The method of claim 178, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to a short sale of securities.

180. (new) The method of claim 178:

wherein the offer has one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by the offeree;

and further comprising the step of, by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror by which they supply the open material terms to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

181. (new) The method of claim 178, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to sell securities at a sale price less than the market value of the offered securities.

182. (new) The method of claim 178, further comprising the step of:

in response to the input from the offeree, revealing the identities of the offeror and offeree to each other.

183. (new) The method of claim 178, further comprising the step of:

in response to the input from the offeree, calculating one or more of the values from the group consisting of total counterparty exposure, discount rate, and offsetting transaction.

184. (new) The method of claim 178, further comprising the step of:

displaying descriptions of several repurchase agreement offers to a offeree, the display being organized in a tree format.

185. (new) The method of claim 178, further comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, calculating a net exposure of the parties relative to each other as value of the securities fluctuates, and sending notice to the buyer or seller of a requirement to transfer margin.

186. (new) A automated trading system with tangible memory, the tangible memory storing one or more programs programmed to cause the automated trading system to:

make available to offerees a description of an offer for a repurchase agreement contract for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities at a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest; and

convey messages between the offeree and the offeror to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer, the automated trading system controlling making available the repurchase agreement offer or negotiating the repurchase agreement contract based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and the offeree to whom the repurchase agreement offer is made available.

187. (new) The automated trading system of claim 186, wherein:

the automated trading system provides the capability to display repurchase agreement offers to the offerees in a tree format and permits offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest.

188. (new) The automated trading system of claim 186, wherein:

the securities that are subject of the offer are two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more; and

the automated trading system is arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeree and the offeror.

189. (new) The automated trading system of claim 186, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to repurchase securities within a range of securities substitutable for the sold securities at the option of the buyer.

190. (new) A method, comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, making available to offerees a description of a repurchase agreement offer for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities at a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate the seller to a short sale of securities; and

by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

191. (new) The method of claim 190, wherein:

wherein the offer has one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by the offeree;

and further comprising the step of, by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror by which they supply the open material terms to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

192. (new) The method of claim 190, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to sell securities at a sale price less than the market value of the offered securities.

193. (new) The method of claim 190 wherein:

the securities that are subject of the offer being two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more; and

the automated trading system is arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeree and the offeror.

194. (new) The method of claim 190, further comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, calculating a net exposure of the parties relative to each other as value of the securities fluctuates, and sending notice to the buyer or seller of a requirement to transfer margin.

195. (new) A method, comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, making available to offerees a description of a repurchase agreement offer for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities at a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest, the offer having one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by the offeree; and

by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror by which they supply the open material terms to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

196. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to sell securities at a sale price less than the market value of the offered securities.

197. (new) The method of claim 195 wherein:

the automated trading system provides the capability to display repurchase agreement offers to the offerees in a tree format and permits respective offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest.

198. (new) The method of claim 195 wherein:
the securities that are subject of the offer being two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more; and
the automated trading system is arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeree and the offeror.

199. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to repurchase securities within a range of securities substitutable for the sold securities at the option of the buyer.

200. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein:
the automated trading system provides the offeror with the capability to specify that the securities that are subject of the offer are selected from at least the group consisting of particular securities, two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more, or an open term supplyable by the offeree.

201. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to repurchase the securities identical to those sold by the seller.

202. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer specifies class of securities.

203. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer specifies the specified repurchase date.

204. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein:
the repurchase agreement offer specifies the imputed interest rate or specified future price.

205. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein
the open term includes securities class.

206. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein
the open term includes term to maturity of the securities.

207. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein
the open term includes a right of substitution.

208. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein
the open term includes the term of the repurchase agreement or the specified date for the
repurchase.

209. (new) The method of claim 195, wherein
the open term includes a margin amount.

210. (new) A automated trading system with tangible memory, the tangible memory
storing one or more programs programmed to cause the automated trading system to:

make available to offerees a description of a repurchase agreement offer for acceptance
or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a
seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities at
a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the
sale plus imputed interest, the offer having one or more open material terms that may be supplied
in a counteroffer by the offeree; and

convey messages between the offeree and the offeror by which they supply the open
material terms to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement
offer.

211. (new) The automated trading system of claim 210, wherein:

the automated trading system controls making available the repurchase agreement offer or negotiating the repurchase agreement contract based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and the offeree to whom the repurchase agreement offer is made available.

212. (new) The automated trading system of claim 210, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to a short sale of securities.

213. (new) A method, comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, making available to offerees a description of a repurchase agreement offer for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities at a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest, the sale price of the offered obligation to sell being at less than the market value of the offered securities; and

by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

214. (new) The method of claim 213 wherein:

the automated trading system provides the capability to display repurchase agreement offers to the offerees in a tree format and permits respective offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest.

215. (new) The method of claim 213 wherein:

the securities that are subject of the offer being two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more; and

the automated trading system is arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeree and the offeror.

216. (new) The method of claim 213, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to repurchase securities within a range of securities substitutable for the sold securities at the option of the buyer.

217. (new) The method of claim 213, wherein:

the automated trading system controls making available the repurchase agreement offer or negotiating the repurchase agreement contract based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and the offeree to whom the repurchase agreement contract is made available.

218. (new) The method of claim 213, further comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, calculating a net exposure of the parties relative to each other as value of the securities fluctuates, and sending notice to the buyer or seller of a requirement to transfer margin.

219. (new) A automated trading system with tangible memory, the tangible memory storing one or more programs programmed to cause the automated trading system to:

make available to offerees a description of a repurchase agreement offer for acceptance or negotiation by a one of the offerees, the repurchase agreement offer proposing to obligate a seller to sell securities to a prospective buyer and to obligate the seller to repurchase securities at a specified future date at a specified future price, the specified future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest, the sale price of the offered obligation to sell being at less than the market value of the offered securities; and

convey messages between the offeree and the offeror to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

220. (new) The automated trading system of claim 219, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to a short sale of securities.

221. (new) The automated trading system of claim 219:

wherein the offer has one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by the offeree;

the automated trading system being further programmed to convey messages between the offeree and the offeror by which they supply the open material terms to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

222. (new) A method, comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, making available to offerees a description of repurchase agreement offers for acceptance or negotiation by the offerees, the repurchase agreement offers proposing to obligate respective sellers to sell securities to prospective buyers and to obligate the respective sellers to repurchase securities at specified future dates at a specified future prices, the specified future prices being the prices of the sales plus imputed interest, the automated trading system providing the capability to display the repurchase agreement offers to the offerees in a tree format and permit respective offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest; and

by automated trading system, conveying messages between the offeree and the offeror to negotiate a repurchase agreement contract based on the repurchase agreement offer.

223. (new) The method of claim 222 wherein:

the securities that are subject of the offer being two or more securities issues from among which the offeree may choose one or more; and

the automated trading system is arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations on agreement of the offeree and the offeror.

224. (new) The method of claim 222, wherein:

the repurchase agreement offer proposes to obligate the seller to repurchase securities within a range of securities substitutable for the sold securities at the option of the buyer.

225. (new) The method of claim 222, wherein:

the automated trading system controls making available the repurchase agreement offer or negotiating the repurchase agreement contract based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and the offeree to whom the repurchase agreement contract is made available.

226. (new) The method of claim 222, wherein:

a top level of the tree is arranged by securities class.

227. (new) The method of claim 222, wherein:

a level of the tree is arranged by dealer name.

228. (new) The method of claim 222, wherein:

a level of the tree is arranged by transaction size.

229. (new) The method of claim 222, wherein:

a level of the tree is arranged by proximity of bid and ask.

230. (new) A method, comprising the steps of:

by automated trading system, making available to offeree parties offers of pairs of transactions, the transactions of a pair related by the automated trading system to require simultaneous and inseparable negotiation and/or acceptance by a one of the offeree parties and an offeror of a pair, the offered pairs of transactions each including:

- (a) an obligation of a selling one of the parties to sell securities to a buying one of the parties; and
- (b) an obligation of the selling party to repurchase securities from the buying party at a future date at a future price, the future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest; and

by automated trading system, conveying messages between a prospective buying party and a prospective selling party to a pair of transactions by which they negotiate terms of one or both of the transactions, the automated trading system requiring that the two transactions of a pair be contracted for between the buying and selling party simultaneously and inseparably.

231. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

the securities that are subject of the offer are two or more securities issues from among which the offeree party may choose one or more; and

the conveyed messages include a selection from among the two or more offered securities that are to be the subject of the repurchase agreement contract between the buying party and the selling party, the automated trading system arranged to void any outstanding offers or negotiations that are inconsistent with the repurchase agreement contract reached between the buying party and the selling party that are inconsistent with the repurchase agreement contract.

232. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

the obligation of the selling party to repurchase gives the buying party an option to substitute a range of securities, and obligates the seller to repurchase the substituted securities.

233. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

the automated trading system controls making available the offers of transaction pairs or negotiation of terms based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and the offeree to whom the offer is made available.

234. (new) The method of claim 233, further comprising the step of:

in response to the input from the offeree party, revealing the identities of the offeror and offeree to each other.

235. (new) The method of claim 233, further comprising the step of:

in response to the input from the offeree party, calculating one or more of the values from the group consisting of total counterparty exposure, discount rate, and offsetting transaction.

236. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

an offered transaction pair proposes to obligate the seller to a short sale of securities.

237. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

the offered transaction pair proposes to obligate the seller to repurchase the securities identical to those sold by the seller.

238. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

the offered transaction pair specifies class of securities.

239. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

the offered transaction pair specifies the specified repurchase date.

240. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

the offered transaction pair specifies the imputed interest rate or specified future price.

241. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:

a one of the offered transaction pairs has one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by a one of the prospective parties; and

the conveyed messages supply the open material terms to form a repurchase agreement contract based on the offered transaction pair.

242. (new) The method of claim 241, wherein:

the open term includes securities class.

243. (new) The method of claim 241, wherein:

the open term includes term to maturity of the securities.

244. (new) The method of claim 241, wherein:

the open term includes a right of substitution.

245. (new) The method of claim 241, wherein:

the open term includes the term of the repurchase agreement or the specified date for the repurchase.

246. (new) The method of claim 241, wherein:

the open term includes a margin amount.

247. (new) The method of claim 241, wherein:

the automated trading system provides the offeror with the capability to specify that the securities that are subject of the offer are selected from at least the group consisting of particular securities, two or more securities issues from among which the offeree party may choose one or more, or an open term supplyable by the offeree.

248. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:
the sale price of the offered obligation to sell is at less than the market value of the offered securities.

249. (new) The method of claim 230, further comprising the steps of:
by automated trading system, calculating a net exposure of the parties relative to each other as value of the securities fluctuates, and sending notice to the buyer or seller of a requirement to transfer margin.

250. (new) The method of claim 230, wherein:
the automated trading system provides the capability to display the repurchase agreement offers to the offeree parties in a tree format and permits respective offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest from the tree-format display.

251. (new) The method of claim 250, wherein:
a top level of the tree is arranged by securities class.

252. (new) The method of claim 250, wherein:
a level of the tree is arranged by dealer name.

253. (new) The method of claim 250, wherein:
a level of the tree is arranged by transaction size.

254. (new) The method of claim 250, wherein:
a level of the tree is arranged by proximity of bid and ask.

255. (new) A collection of one or more tangible computer-readable memory units, having embodied thereon one or more programs designed to cause a computer trading system to:

make available to offeree parties offers of pairs of transactions, the transactions of a pair related by the automated trading system to require simultaneous and inseparable negotiation and/or acceptance by a one of the offeree parties and an offeror of a pair, the offered pairs of transactions each including:

- (a) an obligation of a selling one of the parties to sell securities to a buying one of the parties; and
- (b) an obligation of the selling party to repurchase securities from the buying party at a future date at a future price, the future price being the price of the sale plus imputed interest; and

convey messages between a prospective buying party and a prospective selling party to a pair of transactions by which they negotiate terms of one or both of the transactions, and to require that the two transactions of a pair be contracted for between the buying and selling party simultaneously and inseparably.

256. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 255, being further programmed to:

offer two or more securities issues from among which the offeree party may choose one or more; and

convey messages that include a selection from among the two or more offered securities that are to be the subject of the repurchase agreement contract between the buying party and the selling party, and to void any outstanding offers or negotiations that are inconsistent with the repurchase agreement contract reached between the buying party and the selling party that are inconsistent with the repurchase agreement contract.

257. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 255, being further programmed to:

offer the buying party an option to substitute a range of securities, and obligate the seller to repurchase the substituted securities.

258. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 255, being further programmed to:

control making available the offers of transaction pairs or negotiation of terms based at least in part on a preestablished master repurchase agreement between the offeror and the offeree to whom the offer is made available.

259. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 255, being further programmed to:

offer a transaction pair proposing to obligate the seller to a short sale of securities.

260. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 255, being further programmed to:

offer a one or more transaction pairs having one or more open material terms that may be supplied in a counteroffer by a one of the prospective parties; and

convey messages to supply the open material terms to form a repurchase agreement contract based on the offered transaction pair.

261. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 260, wherein:
the open term includes securities class.

262. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 260, wherein:
the open term includes a right of substitution.

263. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 260, being further programmed to:

provide the offeror with the capability to specify that the securities that are subject of the offer are selected from at least the group consisting of particular securities, two or more securities issues from among which the offeree party may choose one or more, or an open term supplyable by the offeree.

264. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 255, being further programmed to:

offer an obligation to sell at less than the market value of the offered securities.

265. (new) The tangible computer-readable memory unit(s) of claim 255, being further programmed to:

provide a capability to display the repurchase agreement offers to the offeree parties in a tree format and to permit respective offerees to select repurchase agreement offers of interest from the tree-format display.